

Southern Saratoga County Chamber

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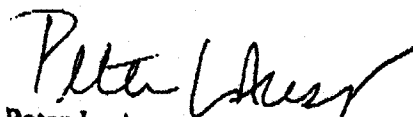
Dear Ms. Hesse,

The Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce enters our strong support for the settlement negotiated between Microsoft Corporation, the US Department of Justice and 9 of the remaining state plaintiffs in the multi-year antitrust lawsuit against the software company.

As a representative of the business community in the Upstate New York region, it is our belief that it is in the best interest of our national economy to move forward with this settlement, and we encourage the Justice Department to urge the Courts to adopt the agreement as quickly as possible.

As business, both on the state and local level, and nationally continues to move in a positive direction, the resolution of this issue will only benefit all in the end.

Sincerely,



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